

To the County Commission and Officeholders of Gentry County, Missouri

The Office of the State Auditor is responsible under Section 29.230, RSMo, for auditing certain operations of Gentry County, and issues a separate report on that audit. In addition, in cooperation with the county, the Office of the State Auditor has contracted for an audit of the county's financial statements for the 2 years ended December 31, 2007, through the state Office of Administration, Division of Purchasing and Materials Management. A copy of this audit, performed by McBride, Lock & Associates, Certified Public Accountants, is attached.

Susan Montee, CPA State Auditor

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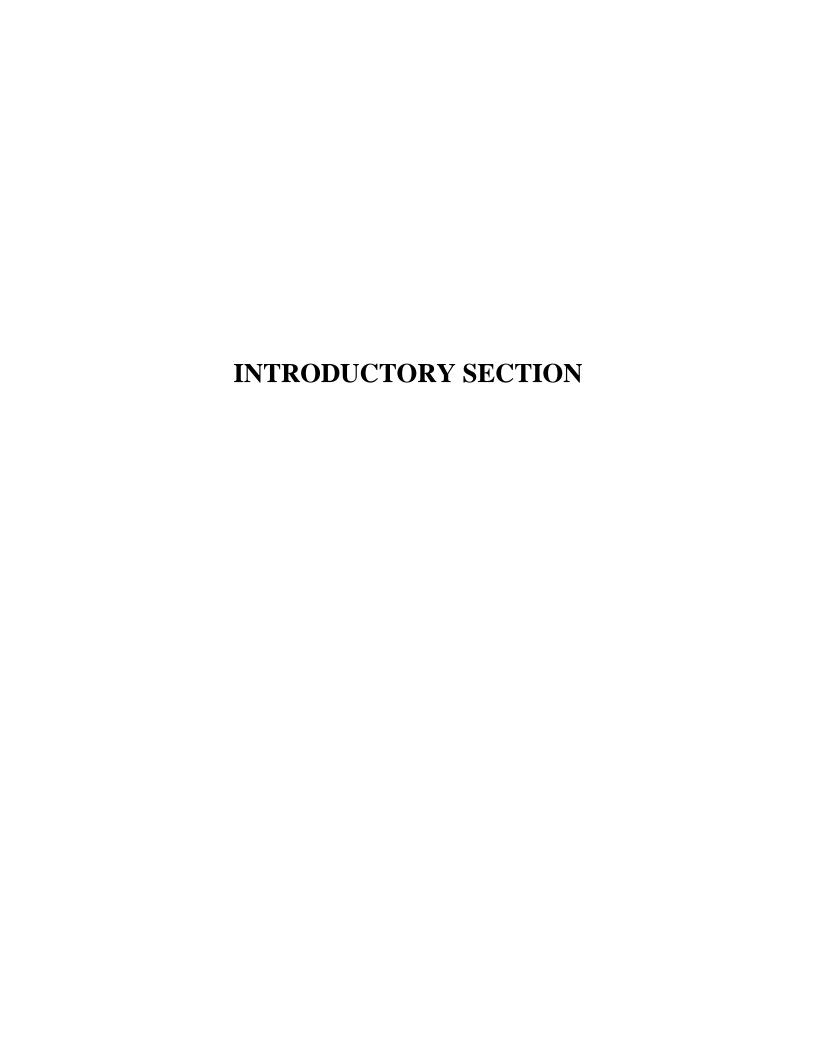
GENTRY COUNTY, MISSOURI ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

December 31, 2007 and 2006

GENTRY COUNTY, MISSOURI

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GENTRY COUNTY, MISSOURI List of Elected Officials

County Commission

Presiding Commissioner – Rod Dollars

Associate Commissioner - Gary Carlson

Associate Commissioner – Larry Wilson

Other Elected Officials

Assessor - Sheryl Coburn

Circuit Clerk / Recorder – John Whitaker

Collector/ Treasurer – Sue Hopkins

Coroner – C. Bryan Polley

County Clerk - Carol Reidlinger

Prosecuting Attorney – Roger Combs

Public Administrator – Judy Pickering

Sheriff – Eugene Lupfer

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the County Commission and Officeholders of Gentry County, Missouri

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Gentry County, Missouri as of and for the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements as identified in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the County's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and the significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described more fully in Note 1, Gentry County, Missouri has prepared these financial statements using accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Missouri State Auditor's Office, which differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The effects on the financial statements of the variances between these regulatory accounting practices and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material.

In our opinion, because of the effects of the matter discussed in the preceding paragraph, the financial statements referred to in the first paragraph do not present fairly, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of Gentry County, Missouri, as of December 31, 2007 and 2006, or the changes in its financial position for the years then ended.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the cash balances of the governmental and agency funds of Gentry County, Missouri, as of December 31, 2007 and 2006, and the receipts, disbursements and budgetary results of the governmental funds for the years then ended, on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we also have issued our report dated July 29, 2008, on our consideration of the County's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and

the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

(Original signed by Auditor)

McBride, Lock & Associates July 29, 2008

FINANCIAL SECTION

GENTRY COUNTY, MISSOURI STATEMENTS OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN CASH - ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006 AND 2007

Cash Cash Cash January 1 2006 December 31 Disbursements December 31 Receipts Disbursements Receipts 2006 2006 2006 2007 2007 2007 Fund (restated) General Revenue 79,952 1.202,685 1,228,374 54,263 1,116,420 986,374 184,309 Special Road and Bridge 44,191 777,931 713,472 108,650 788,961 876,561 21,050 Assessment 20,799 115.019 131,879 3.939 109,190 97,639 15,490 Special Election 14,550 14,550 17,599 17,599 Law Enforcement Training 193 886 876 203 912 888 227 Prosecuting Attorney Training 225 1.518 1.743 231 439 1.535 Bad Check 13.566 9,469 4.875 18.160 10.689 5.589 23.260 **Emergency Preparedness** 30.517 20,304 17,816 33,005 13,976 14,291 32,690 Children's Trust 3.200 260 350 3,460 3.810 Prosecuting Attorney's Tax Collection 6.181 139 6.320 6.320 Peace Officer Standards & Training Commission 348 39 378 9 500 400 109 73,235 30,000 40,000 143,235 Emergency 103,235 Sheriff's Civil Fees 7.951 9,964 11,600 6.315 12.202 14,726 3.791 Recorder User Fees 4,461 3,522 5,400 2,583 3,120 577 5,126 Victim's Assistance 2.393 2,393 2.393 _ Tax Maintenance 18,441 7,314 4,458 21,297 6,977 16,704 11,570 5,276 Recorder Technology 9,643 1,922 2,930 5,121 6,444 1,762 County Clerks Election 19,275 2,246 7,602 13,919 1,977 734 15,162 **Emergency Dispatch** 196,661 204,494 249,292 151.863 227.506 164.327 215,042 Community Development Block Grant 41 1 42 2 44 Missouri Office of Prosecution Services 1,650 320 1,790 135 138 1,468 1,975 Sheriffs Revolving 841 200 625 1,041 1,666 Law Enforcement Restitution 1,060 866 1,926 19,850 2,313 19,463 War Memorial 1,875 1,875 1,875 Senior Citizens Services 39,113 21,700 17,413

The accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

2,397,161

543,005

2,413,752

2,276,481

680,276

2,405,561

534,605

Total

GENERAL FUND Year Ended December 31,

		200)6	200	7
	_	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
RECEIPTS					
Property taxes	\$	363,500	352,722	366,000	379,330
Sales taxes		280,000	262,963	264,000	299,406
Intergovernmental		421,156	394,284	257,120	215,678
Charges for services		116,850	98,609	121,690	115,286
Interest		16,000	17,993	18,000	20,749
Other		20,565	28,151	18,746	30,596
Transfers in		47,963	47,963	55,375	55,375
Total Receipts	_	1,266,034	1,202,685	1,100,931	1,116,420
DISBURSEMENTS	_				
County Commission		70,460	69,949	71,960	70,301
County Clerk		83,876	79,692	111,750	85,381
Elections		139,900	137,656	11,200	11,191
Buildings and grounds		81,150	78,183	42,650	34,406
Employee fringe benefits		110,500	96,414	112,000	102,337
County Treasurer		72,642	71,224	68,500	65,982
Circuit Clerk		7,000	5,561	5,150	5,923
Associate Circuit Court - Probate		13,625	5,722	13,725	8,836
Associate Circuit Court		-	-	-	-
Court administration		26,200	292	1,200	-
Public Administrator		27,515	26,839	28,739	27,150
Sheriff		313,130	296,141	296,995	285,475
Jail		-	-	-	-
Prosecuting Attorney		64,271	60,889	70,100	68,463
Juvenile Officer		9,852	8,055	9,692	7,416
Coroner		11,628	11,096	10,998	10,248
Other		217,539	208,803	182,596	136,813
Debt Services		13,800	13,786	14,000	14,402
Health and welfare		18,000	13,072	18,100	12,050
Transfers out		15,000	15,000	7,500	-
Emergency fund	_	40,000	30,000	40,000	40,000
Total Disbursements	\$	1,336,088	1,228,374	1,116,855	986,374
RECEIPTS OVER (UNDER)	_				
DISBURSEMENTS		(70,054)	(25,689)	(15,924)	130,046
CASH, JANUARY 1	_	79,952	79,952	54,263	54,263
CASH, DECEMBER 31	\$	9,898	54,263	38,339	184,309

]	ROAD AND B	BRIDGE	E FUND		 ASSESSMENT FUND				
			Year Ended l	Decemb	er 31,			Year Ended D	Decem	ber 31,	
		2006	5		2007		 200	6		200)7
		Budget	Actual	В	udget	Actual	 Budget	Actual		Budget	Actual
RECEIPTS											
Property taxes	\$	18,000	15,968		17,000	15,982	-	-		-	-
Sales taxes		-	-		-	-	-	-		-	-
Intergovernmental		923,000	703,219		945,500	737,992	104,900	97,912		101,200	107,233
Charges for services		-	-		-	180	600	674		500	439
Interest		3,500	5,794		5,800	5,732	1,300	1,410		1,000	1,311
Other		28,500	52,950		18,500	29,075	-	23		-	207
Transfers in		-			-		 15,000	15,000		7,500	
Total Receipts	_	973,000	777,931		986,800	788,961	121,800	115,019		110,200	109,190
DISBURSEMENTS											
Salaries		145,000	126,950		132,000	129,121	32,000	32,000		32,000	32,000
Employee fringe benefits		48,700	37,646		44,700	37,400	15,743	15,180		16,185	16,014
Materials and Supplies		326,000	292,876		321,000	357,770	3,570	1,334		3,785	3,365
Services and Other		35,551	22,409		25,803	6,382	89,966	81,526		56,953	45,810
Capital Outlay		60,000	600		75,000	72,577	700	1,839		1,200	450
Construction		344,000	185,028		355,000	223,936	-	-		-	-
Transfers out		47,963	47,963		49,375	49,375	-	-		-	-
Total Disbursements		1,007,214	713,472	1,	002,878	876,561	141,979	131,879		110,123	97,639
RECEIPTS OVER (UNDER)											
DISBURSEMENTS		(34,214)	64,459		(16,078)	(87,600)	(20,179)	(16,860)		77	11,551
CASH, JANUARY 1		44,191	44,191		108,650	108,650	 20,799	20,799		3,939	3,939
CASH, DECEMBER 31	\$	9,977	108,650		92,572	21,050	620	3,939		4,016	15,490

	S	PECIAL ELI	ECTION FUNI)	L.E.T. FUND				
	Ţ	Year Ended I	December 31,	<u></u>		Year Ended	December 31,		
	 200	6	200)7	200)6	200)7	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	
RECEIPTS									
Property taxes	\$ -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Sales taxes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Intergovernmental	22,540	14,550	21,940	17,599	-	-	-	-	
Charges for services	-	-	-	-	1,200	886	1,200	912	
Interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Transfers in	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Total Receipts	22,540	14,550	21,940	17,599	1,200	886	1,200	912	
DISBURSEMENTS									
Salaries	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Employee fringe benefits	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Materials and Supplies	12,125	6,952	12,125	8,948	-	-	-	-	
Services and Other	8,815	7,598	8,815	8,651	1,300	876	1,100	888	
Capital Outlay	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	
Construction	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Transfers out	1,600	-	1,000	-	-	-	-	-	
Total Disbursements	22,540	14,550	21,940	17,599	1,300	876	1,100	888	
RECEIPTS OVER (UNDER)					-		1		
DISBURSEMENTS	-	-	-	-	(100)	10	100	24	
CASH, JANUARY 1	-	-	-	-	193	193	203	203	
CASH, DECEMBER 31	\$ -	-	-	-	93	203	303	227	

		PROSEC	UTING ATTOR	NEY TRAINING	FUND		BAD CHE	CK FUND	
			Year Ended D	December 31,	_	7	Year Ended I	December 31,	
		200	6	2007	7	200	6	200	7
		Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
RECEIPTS									
Property taxes	\$	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sales taxes		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charges for services		200	225	225	231	6,000	9,469	7,000	10,689
Interest		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers in	_	-							_
Total Receipts	_	200	225	225	231	6,000	9,469	7,000	10,689
DISBURSEMENTS									
Salaries		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Employee fringe benefits		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Materials and Supplies		-	-	-	-	-	-	500	483
Services and Other		-	-	500	439	4800	3910	2100	3861
Capital Outlay		-	-	-	-	1000	965	3000	1245
Construction		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers out		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Disbursements		-	-	500	439	5,800	4,875	5,600	5,589
RECEIPTS OVER (UNDER)									
DISBURSEMENTS		200	225	(275)	(208)	200	4,594	1,400	5,100
CASH, JANUARY 1	_	1,518	1,518	1,743	1,743	13,566	13,566	18,160	18,160
CASH, DECEMBER 31	\$	1,718	1,743	1,468	1,535	13,766	18,160	19,560	23,260

		EMI	ERGENCY PI	REPAREDNES	S	CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND				
	_		Year Ended D	ecember 31,		•	Year Ended I	December 31,		
		200	6	200	7	200	06	200)7	
		Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	
RECEIPTS	_					•				
Property taxes	\$	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Sales taxes		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Intergovernmental		13,905	20,304	13,180	13,922	-	-	-	-	
Charges for services		-	-	-	-	-	260	275	350	
Interest		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Other		-	-	-	54	-	-	-	-	
Transfers in	_	-							-	
Total Receipts	_	13,905	20,304	13,180	13,976		260	275	350	
DISBURSEMENTS										
Salaries		9,100	9,160	9100	9,030	-	-	-	-	
Employee fringe benefits		725	689	730	688	-	-	-	-	
Materials and Supplies		217	205	420	177	-	-	-	-	
Services and Other		4190	3582	4565	4396	-	-	-	-	
Capital Outlay		3550	4180	2250	-	-	-	-	-	
Construction		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Transfers out		-								
Total Disbursements		17,782	17,816	17,065	14,291	-	-	-	-	
RECEIPTS OVER (UNDER)	_			-			_			
DISBURSEMENTS		(3,877)	2,488	(3,885)	(315)	-	260	275	350	
CASH, JANUARY 1	_	30,517	30,517	33,005	33,005	3,200	3,200	3,460	3,460	
CASH, DECEMBER 31	\$	26,640	33,005	29,120	32,690	3,200	3,460	3,735	3,810	

		PROSECUT	ING ATTORNEY	TAX COLLECTIO	N FUND	POST COMMISSION FUND				
			Year Ended Do	ecember 31,			Year Ended D	ecember 31,		
		2000	5	200	7	200	6	200	7	
		Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	
RECEIPTS										
Property taxes	\$	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Sales taxes		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Intergovernmental		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Charges for services		250	139	-	-	675	39	540	500	
Interest		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Other		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Transfers in		-								
Total Receipts	_	250	139		-	675	39	540	500	
DISBURSEMENTS										
Salaries		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Employee fringe benefits		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Materials and Supplies		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Services and Other		-	-	-	-	675	378	540	400	
Capital Outlay		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Construction		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Transfers out		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Total Disbursements		-	-	-	-	675	378	540	400	
RECEIPTS OVER (UNDER)										
DISBURSEMENTS		250	139	-	-	-	(339)	-	100	
CASH, JANUARY 1		6,181	6,181	6,320	6,320	348	348	9	9	
CASH, DECEMBER 31	\$	6,431	6,320	6,320	6,320	348	9	9	109	

			EMERGEN	NCY FUND		SHERIFF'S CIVIL FEES FUND				
			Year Ended	December 31,			Year Ended I	December 31,		
		200)6	200	7	200	06	200	7	
		Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	
RECEIPTS										
Property taxes	\$	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Sales taxes		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Intergovernmental		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Charges for services		-	-	-	-	12,000	9,964	11,000	12,202	
Interest		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Other		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Transfers in		40,000	30,000	40,000	40,000	-	-	-	-	
Total Receipts	_	40,000	30,000	40,000	40,000	12,000	9,964	11,000	12,202	
DISBURSEMENTS										
Salaries		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Employee fringe benefits		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Materials and Supplies		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Services and Other		-	-	-	-	12,500	11,600	5,000	6,291	
Capital Outlay		-	-	-	-	-	-	10,500	8,435	
Construction		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Transfers out		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Total Disbursements		-	-	-	-	12,500	11,600	15,500	14,726	
RECEIPTS OVER (UNDER)										
DISBURSEMENTS		40,000	30,000	40,000	40,000	(500)	(1,636)	(4,500)	(2,524)	
CASH, JANUARY 1		73,235	73,235	103,235	103,235	7,951	7,951	6,315	6,315	
CASH, DECEMBER 31	\$	113,235	103,235	143,235	143,235	7,451	6,315	1,815	3,791	

		RE	CORDER US	SER FEES FUI	ND	VICTIM'S ASSISTANCE FUND				
	_		Year Ended	December 31,			Year Ended	December 31	,	
		200	06	200)7	20	006	2007		
	_	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	
RECEIPTS	_									
Property taxes	\$	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Sales taxes		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Intergovernmental		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Charges for services		4,000	3,522	3,500	3,120	-	-	-	-	
Interest		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Other		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Transfers in	_	-							-	
Total Receipts	_	4,000	3,522	3,500	3,120			-	-	
DISBURSEMENTS										
Salaries		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Employee fringe benefits		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Materials and Supplies		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Services and Other		3,000	5,400	650	577	2,393	-	-	-	
Capital Outlay		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Construction		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Transfers out	_	-								
Total Disbursements		3,000	5,400	650	577	2,393	-	_	-	
RECEIPTS OVER (UNDER)	_									
DISBURSEMENTS		1,000	(1,878)	2,850	2,543	(2,393)	-	-	-	
CASH, JANUARY 1	_	4,461	4,461	2,583	2,583	2,393	2,393	2,393	2,393	
CASH, DECEMBER 31	\$	5,461	2,583	5,433	5,126	-	2,393	2,393	2,393	

		TA	X MAINTE	NANCE FUNI)	RECORDER TECHNOLOGY FUND				
		•	Year Ended I	December 31,			ear Ended I	December 31,		
	_	200)6	200	7	200)6	200	07	
		Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	
RECEIPTS										
Property taxes	\$	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Sales taxes		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Intergovernmental		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Charges for services		6,000	7,314	8,000	6,977	2,200	1,922	2,000	1,762	
Interest		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Other		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Transfers in		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Total Receipts	_	6,000	7,314	8,000	6,977	2,200	1,922	2,000	1,762	
DISBURSEMENTS										
Salaries		5,000	57	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Employee fringe benefits		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Materials and Supplies		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Services and Other		5,500	371	13,400	8,534	-	-	3,000	2,930	
Capital Outlay		6,695	4,030	6,500	8,170	5,350	5,121	-	-	
Construction		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Transfers out		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Total Disbursements	_	17,195	4,458	19,900	16,704	5,350	5,121	3,000	2,930	
RECEIPTS OVER (UNDER)	_									
DISBURSEMENTS		(11,195)	2,856	(11,900)	(9,727)	(3,150)	(3,199)	(1,000)	(1,168)	
CASH, JANUARY 1		18,441	18,441	21,297	21,297	9,643	9,643	6,444	6,444	
CASH, DECEMBER 31	\$	7,246	21,297	9,397	11,570	6,493	6,444	5,444	5,276	

		COU	NTY CLERK'S	ELECTION FU	ND	_	EMERGENCY DISPATCH FUND				
			Year Ended D	ecember 31,		-		Year Ended D	December 31,		
		200	6	200	7	_	200	6	200	7	
		Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual		Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	
RECEIPTS						-			\ <u></u>		
Property taxes	\$	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	
Sales taxes		-	-	-	-		210,000	198,768	190,500	221,675	
Intergovernmental		-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	
Charges for services		-	-	1,000	1,400		-	-	-	-	
Interest		-	-	665	577		4,000	5,126	4,800	6,426	
Other		-	2,246	-	-		-	600	-	(595)	
Transfers in		-				_	-		_		
Total Receipts	_	-	2,246	1,665	1,977	-	214,000	204,494	195,300	227,506	
DISBURSEMENTS											
Salaries		-	-	-	-		165,964	124,067	168,120	130,370	
Employee fringe benefits		-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	
Materials and Supplies		-	7,602	-	-		-	8,130	-	6,308	
Services and Other		568	-	2500	304		57,992	117,095	58,472	78,364	
Capital Outlay		7034	-	9000	430		20,000	-	-	-	
Construction		-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	
Transfers out		-				_	-		_		
Total Disbursements		7,602	7,602	11,500	734		243,956	249,292	226,592	215,042	
RECEIPTS OVER (UNDER)			<u>.</u>			_		_			
DISBURSEMENTS		(7,602)	(5,356)	(9,835)	1,243		(29,956)	(44,798)	(31,292)	12,464	
CASH, JANUARY 1		19,275	19,275	13,919	13,919	_	196,661	196,661	151,863	151,863	
CASH, DECEMBER 31	\$	11,673	13,919	4,084	15,162		166,705	151,863	120,571	164,327	

	COMMU	JNITY DEVELOP	MENT BLOCK G	RANT	MOPS FUND				
		Year Ended D	ecember 31,			Year Ended D	ecember 31,		
	20	06	200	7	2000	6	200	7	
	 Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	
RECEIPTS									
Property taxes	\$ -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Sales taxes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	1,500	1,650	1,650	1,790	
Charges for services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Interest	-	1	2	2	-	-	-	-	
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Transfers in	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Total Receipts	-	1	2	2	1,500	1,650	1,650	1,790	
DISBURSEMENTS									
Salaries	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Employee fringe benefits	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Materials and Supplies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Services and Other	-	-	-	-	1500	1468	1,900	1,975	
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Construction	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Transfers out	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Total Disbursements	 -	-	-	-	1,500	1,468	1,900	1,975	
RECEIPTS OVER (UNDER)									
DISBURSEMENTS	-	1	2	2	-	182	(250)	(185)	
CASH, JANUARY 1	41	41	42	42	138	138	320	320	
CASH, DECEMBER 31	\$ 41	42	44	44	138	320	70	135	

		SHERIFF'S REVOLVING FUND			LAW ENFORCEMENT RESTITUTION FUND					
		Year Ended December 31,				Year Ended December 31,				
	_	2006		2007		200	2006		2007	
		Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	
RECEIPTS			_				_		_	
Property taxes	\$	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Sales taxes		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Intergovernmental		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Charges for services		500	200	200	625	1,500	-	1,500	-	
Interest		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Other		-	-	-	-	-	866	2,000	19,850	
Transfers in		-								
Total Receipts	_	500	200	200	625	1,500	866	3,500	19,850	
DISBURSEMENTS										
Salaries		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Employee fringe benefits		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Materials and Supplies		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Services and Other		-	-	500	-	-	-	3,000	2,313	
Capital Outlay		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Construction		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Transfers out		-								
Total Disbursements		-		500	-	-	-	3,000	2,313	
RECEIPTS OVER (UNDER)										
DISBURSEMENTS		500	200	(300)	625	1,500	866	500	17,537	
CASH, JANUARY 1	_	841	841	1,041	1,041	1,060	1,060	1,926	1,926	
CASH, DECEMBER 31	\$	1,341	1,041	741	1,666	2,560	1,926	2,426	19,463	

		WAR MEMORIAL FUND			SENIOR CITIZENS SERVICES FUND				
	_	Year Ended December 31,				Year Ended December 31,			
		2006		2007		2006		2007	
		Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
RECEIPTS							_	•	
Property taxes	\$	-	-	-	-	-	-	40,000	38,551
Sales taxes		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charges for services		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	562
Other		-	1,875	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers in		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Receipts	_	-	1,875	-	_	-		40,000	39,113
DISBURSEMENTS									
Salaries		-	-	-	-	_	-	-	-
Employee fringe benefits		-	-	-	-	_	-	-	-
Materials and Supplies		-	-	-	-	-	-	38,700	21,700
Services and Other		-	-	1,000	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Outlay		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Construction		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers out		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Disbursements		-	-	1,000	-	-	-	38,700	21,700
RECEIPTS OVER (UNDER)									
DISBURSEMENTS		-	1,875	(1,000)	-	-	-	1,300	17,413
CASH, JANUARY 1				1,875	1,875	<u>-</u>		<u> </u>	
CASH, DECEMBER 31	\$	-	1,875	875	1,875	-	-	1,300	17,413

GENTRY COUNTY, MISSOURI STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES ARISING FROM CASH TRANSACTIONS AGENCY FUNDS - REGULATORY BASIS DECEMBER 31, 2006 and 2007

	_	December 31, 2006		December 31, 2007	
AGENCY FUND	_	Cash and Cash Equivalents	Due to Others	Cash and Cash Equivalents	Due to Others
School	\$	42,429	42,429	44,928	44,928
Medical Reimbursement		2,816	2,816	4,617	4,617
County Employees' Retirement Fund		3,598	3,598	2,059	2,059
Collector's Account		384,002	384,002	4,270,714	4,270,714
Total	\$	432,845	432,845	4,322,318	4,322,318

GENTRY COUNTY, MISSOURI NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2007 and 2006

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Gentry County, Missouri ("County"), is governed by a three-member board of commissioners. In addition to the three board members, there are eight elected Constitutional Officers: Assessor, County Clerk, Circuit Clerk-Recorder, Coroner, Collector-Treasurer, Prosecuting Attorney, Public Administrator, and Sheriff.

As discussed further in Note 1, these financial statements are presented on the cash basis of accounting. This basis of accounting differs from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Generally accepted accounting principles include all relevant Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements.

A. Reporting Entity

The County's operations include tax assessments and collections, state/county courts, county recorder, public safety, economic development, social and human services, and cultural and recreation services.

The financial statements referred to above include only the primary government of Gentry County, Missouri, which consists of all funds, organizations, institutions, agencies, departments, and offices that comprise the County's legal entity.

B. Basis of Presentation

Governmental resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled. A fund is considered a separate accounting entity with self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, net assets, revenues/receipts and expenditures/disbursements. The following fund types are used by the County:

<u>Governmental Fund Type</u> – Governmental funds are those through which most governmental functions are financed. The County's expendable financial resources are accounted for through governmental funds.

<u>Fiduciary Fund Type</u> – Fiduciary funds (agency funds) are used to account for assets held by the County in a trustee capacity as an agent of individuals, private organizations, or other governmental units. Agency funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve the measurement of results of operations. These funds account for activities of collections for other taxing units by the Collector and other officeholders.

C. Basis of Accounting

The financial statements are prepared on the cash basis of accounting; accordingly, amounts are recognized when received or disbursed in cash. This basis of accounting differs from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Those principles

require revenues to be recognized when they become available and measurable or when they are earned, and expenditures or expenses to be recognized when the related liabilities are incurred.

D. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The County follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

- 1. In accordance with Chapter 50 RSMo, the County adopts a budget for each governmental fund.
- On or before the second Monday in January, each elected officer and department director
 will transmit to the County Commission and County Clerk, who serves as budget
 officer, the budget request and revenue estimates for their office or department for the
 budget year.
- 3. The County Clerk submits to the County Commission a proposed budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1. The proposed budget includes estimated revenues and proposed expenditures, on the cash basis of accounting, for all budgeted funds. Budgeted expenditures cannot exceed beginning available monies plus estimated revenues for the year. Budgeting of appropriations is based upon an estimated fund balance at the beginning of the year as well as estimated revenues to be received.
- 4. State law requires that, at the individual fund level, budgeted expenditures not exceed budgeted revenues plus anticipated beginning fund balance.
- 5. A public hearing is conducted to obtain public comment on the budget. Prior to its approval by the County Commission, the budget document is available for public inspection, typically during the third and fourth weeks of January.
- 6. Prior to February 1 the budget is legally enacted by a vote of the County Commission.
- 7. Subsequent to its formal approval of the budget, the County Commission has the authority to make necessary adjustments to the budget by a formal vote of the Commission. Adjustments made during the year were not significant and are reflected in the budget information in the financial statements. Budgeted amounts are as originally adopted, or as amended by the County Commission throughout the year. Individual amendments were not material in relation to the original appropriations which were adopted.
- 8. Budgets are prepared and adopted on the cash basis of accounting.
- 9. Although adoption of a formal budget is required by law, the County did not adopt a formal budget for the following fund:
 - a. Children's Trust Fund 2006

10. Section 50.740 RSMo. prohibits expenditures in excess of the approved budgets. Actual expenditures exceeded budgeted amounts for the following funds.

	Year Ended D	December 31,
Fund	2007	2006
Emergency Preparedness	N/A	34
Recorder User Fees	N/A	2,400
Emergency Dispatch	N/A	5,336
MOPS	\$ 75	N/A

E. Property taxes are based on the voter-approved tax levy applied to the real and personal assessed property values. Property taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1. Taxes are levied on September 1 and tax bills are mailed to taxpayers in October and November, at which time they are payable. All unpaid property taxes become delinquent as of January 1 of the following year.

The assessed valuation of the tangible taxable property, included within the County's boundaries for the calendar year 2007 and 2006, for purposes of taxation was:

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Real Estate	\$ 50,376,050	44,460,060
Personal Property	22,259,195	21,426,287
Railroad and Utilities	4,661,566	4,830,963

During 2007 and 2006 the County Commission approved a \$0.5249 and \$0.5200 tax levy respectively per \$100 of assessed valuation of tangible taxable property for the calendar year 2007 and 2006, for purposes of County taxation, as follows:

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
General Revenue Fund	<u>\$0.5249</u>	<u>\$0.5200</u>

F. Cash Deposits and Investments

Deposits and investments are stated at cost, which approximates market. Cash balances for all the County Treasurer funds are pooled and invested to the extent possible. Interest earned from such investments is allocated to each of the funds based on the funds' average daily cash balance. Cash equivalents include repurchase agreements and any other instruments with an original maturity of ninety days or less. State law authorizes the deposit of funds in banks and trust companies or the investment of funds in bonds or treasury certificates of the United States, other interest bearing obligations guaranteed as to both principal and interest by the United States, bonds of the State of Missouri or other government bonds, or time certificates of deposit, purchased at a price at or below par. Funds in the form of cash on deposit or time certificates of deposit are required to be insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) or collateralized by authorized

investments held in the County's name at third-party banking institutions. Details of these cash balances are presented in Note 2.

2. CASH AND INVESTMENTS

The County maintains a cash and temporary investment pool that is available for use by all funds. Each fund type's portion of this pool is displayed on the financial statements as "Cash and Equivalents" under each fund's caption.

Deposits - Missouri statutes require that all deposits with financial institutions be collateralized in an amount at least equal to uninsured deposits. At December 31, 2007 and 2006, the carrying amount of the County's deposits was \$5,002,594 and \$975,850 and the bank balance was \$3,575,738 and \$912,554, respectively. Of the bank balance \$221,964 and \$219,441 at December 31, 2007 and December 31, 2006, respectively, were covered by federal depository insurance and \$3,353,774 and \$693,113, respectively, were covered by collateral held at the Federal Reserve Bank and the County's safekeeping bank agent, in the County's name.

3. COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT FUND - CERF

The County Employees' Retirement Fund was established by the State of Missouri to provide pension benefits for County officials and employees.

A. Plan Description

The Retirement Fund is a cost-sharing multiple employer defined benefit pension plan covering any county elective or appointed officer of employee whose performance requires the actual performance of duties during not less than one thousand (1,000) hours per calendar year in each county of the state, except for any city not within a county and any county of the first classification having a charter form of government. It does not include county prosecuting attorneys covered under Sections 56.800 to 56.840, RSMo, circuit clerks and deputy circuit clerks covered under the Missouri State Retirement System, county sheriffs covered under Sections 57.949 to 57.997, RSMo and certain personnel not defined as an employee per Section 50.1000(8), RSMo. The Fund was created by an act of the legislature and was effective August 28, 1994.

The general administration and the responsibility for the proper operation of the fund and the investment of the fund are vested in a board of directors of nine persons.

B. Pension Benefits

Beginning January 1, 1997, employees attaining the age of sixty-two years may retire with full benefits with eight or more years of creditable service. The monthly benefit for County Employees is determined by selecting the highest benefit calculated using three different prescribed formulas (flat-dollar formula, targeted replacement ratio formula, and prior plan's formula). A death benefit of \$10,000 will be paid to the designated beneficiary of every active member upon his or her death.

Upon termination of employment, any member who is vested is entitled to a deferred annuity, payable at age sixty-two. Early retirement at age sixty (for sheriff's department

personnel); all other departments in the county the age is sixty. Any member with less than eight years of creditable service forfeits all rights in the fund but will be paid his or her accumulated contributions.

The County Employees' Retirement Fund issues audited financial statements. Copies of these statements may be obtained form the Board of Directors of CERF by writing to CERF, P.O. Box 2271, Jefferson City, MO 65102-2271, or by calling 1-573-632-9203.

C. Funding Policy

Pursuant to State Statutes, CERF is partially funded from a portion of delinquent property tax penalties and other penalties and fees. Further, a contribution to CERF of 4% to 6% of gross compensation, depending on LAGERS participation, is required for all participants hired on or after February 2002. A contribution of 0% to 4% of compensation, depending on LAGERS participation, is required of employees hired before February 2002. A lesser contribution requirement applies to employees who participate in LAGERS. The source of funding of these contributions is determined by each county. In Gentry County, the CERF is funded entirely by the employees of the County.

4. POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

The County does not provide post-employment benefits except as mandated by the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA). The requirements established by COBRA are fully funded by employees who elect coverage under the Act, and no direct costs are incurred by the County.

5. CLAIMS COMMITMENT AND CONTENGENCIES

A. Litigation

The County has a lawsuit pending against them in regards to the wind turbines that were installed in the western part of the County. A court date has been set for September 2009. Management feels as though any outcome from this lawsuit will be immaterial. This yields no impact on the current audit.

The former Assessor brought suit against the County for refusing to grant her request for a raise in salary. The County was ordered to pay back wages and interest totaling \$33,600 to the former Assessor in 2006. The court order, check and invoice were examined by the audit team. This amount was deemed to be immaterial.

B. Compensated Absences

County employees accrue sick time at a rate of one and one-half days per complete calendar month of employment, accumulated without limit. Upon termination, no payment will be made for unused sick days. Vacation time is accrued for every full time employee and accrues at a rate of two weeks for each full year of employment and an additional day for every year employed after ten full years of employment. Upon termination, no more than two weeks unused vacation shall be paid to an employee.

C. Federal and State Assisted Programs

The County has received proceeds from several federal and state grants. Periodic audits of these grants, when performed, could result in the disallowance of certain costs. Accordingly, such audits could result in the refund of grant monies to the grantor agencies. Management believes that any required refunds, if determined necessary, will be immaterial and, therefore, no provision has been made in the accompanying financial statements for the potential refund of grant monies.

The County's expenditure of Federal Awards did not exceed \$500,000 in either 2006 or 2007 and, accordingly, the County is not required to obtain a single audit in accordance with Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133.

6. RISK MANAGEMENT

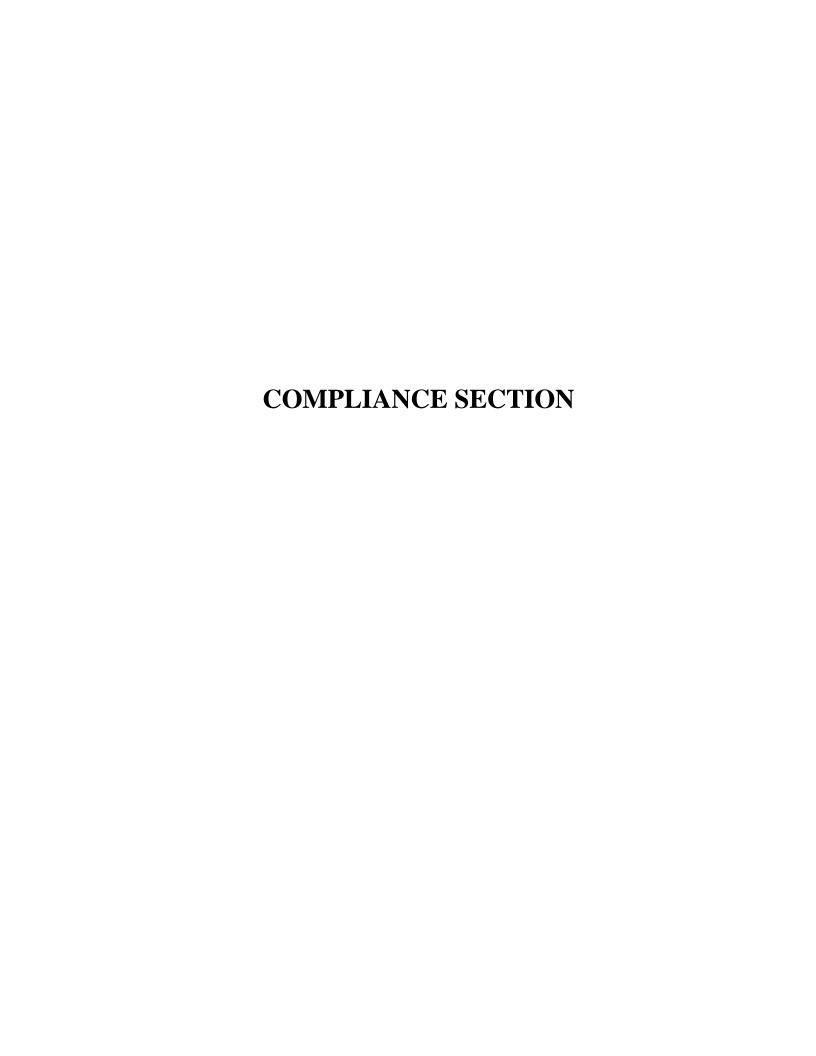
The County is exposed to various risks of losses related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters, and has established a risk management strategy that attempts to minimize losses and the carrying costs of insurance. There have been no significant reductions in coverage from the prior year and settlements have not exceeded coverage in the past three years.

The County is a member participant in a public entity risk pool which is a corporate and political body. The purpose of the risk pool is to provide liability protection to participating public entities, their officials, and employees. Annual contributions are collected based on actuarial projections which are intended to produce sufficient funds topay losses and expenses. Should contributions not produce sufficient funds to meet its obligations, the risk pool is empowered with the ability to make special assessments. Members are jointly and severally liable for all claims against the risk pool.

The County is also a member of the Missouri Association of Counties Self-Insured Workers' Compensation and Insurance Fund. The County purchases workers' compensation insurance through this Fund, a non-profit corporation established for the purpose of providing insurance coverage for Missouri counties. The Fund is self-insured up to \$2,000,000 per occurrence and is reinsured up to the statutory limit through excess insurance.

7. CHANGE IN REPORTING ENTITY

The County has changed its definition of the reporting entity, as of January 1, 2006, to include certain fiduciary agency funds in the basic financial statements and to exclude certain funds pertaining to the Circuit Court. The effect of this change is to report a statement of assets and liabilities arising from cash transactions for all agency funds, including agency funds not previously reported. These agency funds consist of assets held by County officeholders as an agent of individuals, private organizations and other governmental units. Because agency funds do not report results of operations, the aforementioned change in reporting entity does not affect changes in cash balances of governmental funds as previously reported.



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AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHERMATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

To the County Commission and Officeholders of Gentry County, Missouri

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Gentry County, Missouri as of and for the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements as identified in the table of contents, and have issued our report thereon dated July 29, 2008. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audits, we considered Gentry County, Missouri's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Gentry County, Missouri's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Gentry County, Missouri's internal control over financial reporting.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, as discussed below, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the Gentry County, Missouri's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the Gentry County, Missouri's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the Gentry County, Missouri's internal control. We consider the deficiency described in the schedule of findings and recommendations as item 1 to be a significant deficiency in internal control over financial reporting.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the Gentry County, Missouri's internal control.

Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in the internal control that might be significant deficiencies and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all significant deficiencies that are also considered to be material weaknesses. However, we believe that the significant deficiency described above is not a material weakness.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Gentry County, Missouri's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed three instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* that are identified as items 2-4.

We noted a certain matter that we reported to management of Gentry County, Missouri, in the findings and recommendations section as item 5.

Gentry County, Missouri's response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. We did not audit Gentry County, Missouri's response and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the County Commission, County Officeholders, the Missouri State Auditor, federal and state awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

(Original signed by Auditor)

McBride, Lock & Associates July 29, 2008



GENTRY COUNTY, MISSOURI FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

SIGNIFICANT INTERNAL CONTROL DEFICIENCIES

1. Procurement Practices

<u>Condition</u>: During our review of the purchasing and payments functions, we noted internal control weaknesses that could allow erroneous payments or improper purchases to occur and remain undetected. These control weaknesses include:

- The process for payment of goods does not include noting "Paid" on actual invoices. As a result, an invoice could be accidentally or intentionally presented for payment more than once.
- The County does not have a control to ensure that materials and equipment for which
 the County was invoiced were actually received, used for County operations and are
 properly invoiced. There is no standard process to affix accountability for receipt of
 goods or for their approval for payment. Invoices are not consistently signed or
 initialed by the County official or employee who actually receives them.

<u>Recommendation</u>: We recommend the County implement a purchasing process that is documented, communicated to all those involved in purchasing, and includes the following internal controls:

- All invoices are to be noted as "Paid" at the time they are approved. We have observed that in many counties a County Commissioner stamps the invoice paid at the time it is reviewed and approved.
- All bills of lading, receiving reports or invoices are to be signed by the receiver of the item purchased.

<u>County Response</u>: We will ensure that all invoices are signed by the appropriate official and invoices will be marked as paid when checks are mailed.

ITEMS OF NONCOMPLIANCE

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of Gentry County, Missouri (the County) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006, in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards, we considered the County's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control.

However, during our audit we became aware of certain matters that are opportunities for strengthening internal controls and operating efficiency. Our comments and suggestions regarding those matters are summarized below. We previously reported on the County's internal control in our report dated July 25, 2008. (A separate report dated July 25, 2008 contains our report on significant deficiencies in the County's internal control). This document does not affect our report dated July 25, 2008.

2. Absence of Investment Policy

Condition: The County has not adopted an investment policy as required by State Statutes. The County has no investments, however, an investment policy addresses topics such as collateralization of deposits, strategy with respect to investment of public funds, and other areas, and thus such a policy would be beneficial and also required for the County. Section 110.270, RSMo 2007, based on Article IV, Section 15, Missouri Constitution, authorizes counties to place their funds, either outright or by repurchase agreement, in U.S. Treasury and agency obligations. In addition, Section 30.950, RSMo 2007, requires political subdivisions with authority to invest in instruments other than depository accounts at financial institutions to adopt a written investment policy. Among other things, the policy is to commit a political subdivision to the principles of safety, liquidity, and yield (in that order) when managing public funds and to prohibit purchase of derivatives (either directly or through repurchase agreements), use of leveraging (through either reverse repurchase agreements or other methods), and use of public funds for speculation.

<u>Recommendation</u>: We recommend the County adopt an investment policy and review compliance with this policy at least annually. Guidelines for developing an investment policy may be found at organizations such as the Government Finance Officer's Association, which offers a publication entitled GFOA's New Model Investment Policy, and examples of investment policies for many counties may be found on the internet.

<u>County' Response</u>: The County will research and adopt an investment policy and review it annually to make any needed changes.

3. Budgetary Overages

<u>Condition</u>: Disbursements exceeded budgeted amounts for two funds during the year ended December 31, 2006 and for one fund during the year ended December 31, 2007. Although budgets were apparently monitored on a regular basis, the County Commission did not ensure that budget amendments were prepared for these funds in accordance with state statute. Actual disbursements exceeded budgeted amounts for the following funds:

Year Ended December 31,

Fund	2007	2006
Emergency Preparedness	N/A	34
Recorder User Fees	N/A	2,400
Emergency Dispatch	N/A	5,336
MOPS	\$ 75	N/A

Strict compliance with county budget law is required by county officials. Such compliance helps ensure that county funds are effectively and appropriately managed. If there are valid reasons which necessitate excess expenditures, budget amendments should be made following the same process by which the annual budget is approved.

<u>Recommendation</u>: We recommend the County Commission amend the budget, while providing appropriate opportunity for public input, when is becomes evident that disbursements will exceed original budgeted amounts.

<u>County's Response</u>: We will ensure that all budgets are monitored and stay within budgeted amounts or amended as necessary. However, the Emergency Dispatch Fund is monitored by a separate Board of Directors and we do not receive copies of their amendments.

4. Budgetary Practices

<u>Condition</u>: The County did not prepare and publish an annual budget for the Sheriff's Civil Fees Fund or the Children's Trust Fund in 2006. The County Commission is responsible for the preparation and approval of budgets for various County funds in accordance with Section 50.525 through 50.745, RSMo 2007, the County Budget Law.

<u>Recommendation</u>: We recommend the County Commission ensure that a budget is adopted for all funds of the County, as required by the County Budget Law.

County's Response: The County will ensure that budgets are prepared for every fund.

OTHER MATTERS

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of Gentry County, Missouri (the County) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006, in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards, we considered the County's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control.

However, during our audit we became aware of certain matters that are opportunities for strengthening internal controls and operating efficiency. Our comments and suggestions regarding those matters are summarized below. We previously reported on the County's internal control in our report dated July 29, 2008. (A separate report dated July 29, 2008 contains our report on significant deficiencies in the County's internal control). This document does not affect our report dated July 29, 2008.

5. Financial Reporting Practices

Condition: The published financial statements of the County contain certain inaccuracies. We noted that the reported cash balance at the beginning of 2006 for the Emergency Dispatch (911) Fund differed from the ending cash at 2005, as reported in the audited financial statements, by \$100. We also noted that the 2006 financial statements for the Law Enforcement Restitution Fund reported a year-end cash balance of \$1,926, while the cash balance for the same date as reported in the 2007 financial statements was \$1,875. While these differences are minor in amount, greater care should be taken to ensure that all County financial transactions are reported as required by State Statute.

<u>Recommendation</u>: While the differences noted are minor in amount, greater care should be taken to ensure that all County financial transactions are reported as required by State Statute. We recommend the Clerk ensure that all changes to cash balances are recorded as either a receipt or disbursement, and that all such transactions are included in the published financial statements.

<u>County Response:</u> The County Clerk will ensure that all changes in cash balances are recorded as a receipt or disbursement.

GENTRY COUNTY, MISSOURI

FOLLOW-UP ON PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS FOR AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, this section reports the auditors' follow-up on action taken by Gentry County, Missouri, on the applicable findings in the prior audit report issued for the two years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004.

There were no prior audit findings within our audit scope.